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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Seattle

February 1, 1917.

Memorandum to Mr. Bower:

Today I called Mr. D. W. Branch, of Libby, McNeill & Libby, on the phone for information on the Great Western Fisheries Company. Mr. Branch does not think that this concern was ever incorporated, but that the men whose names I gave you yesterday attempted to organize, and, on account of lack of capital, never became a corporation. The notes in his office show the purpose of this company was "to purchase fresh fish in market and smoke same for domestic and foreign consumption." Mr. Branch gave me the address of Max Johnson as 422 Mutual Life Bldg. I called there, but he had left over two months ago and the building office did not know where he had gone.

I have just written I. M. Howell, Secretary of State, for the status of the concern, and upon receipt of his reply will forward same to you, and if the company is in existence will get your report for you.

E. E. Quinn Bell -

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Mr. Harris doesn't know this
concern, neither does Captain Reynolds,
however, he is trying to locate the
man for us. Captain Reynolds
has also "checked" your letter of
January eighth on me and I'm
trying to get in your report for you.

E.E.B.

Seattle
1217 L. C. Smith Building

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Hon. I. M. Howell,
Secretary of State,
Olympia, Washington.

Dear Sir:

We are desirous of obtaining from the Great Western
Fisheries Company, formerly of 914 American Bank Bldg.,
Seattle, a statement of their fishing operations in
Alaskan waters for the year 1916, to be used in our
annual statistical report.

We seem unable to locate this company or Mr. Max
Johnson, who appears to have been the manager thereof.

We have been informed that Max Johnson, with two
other men, contemplated forming a corporation. Will
you kindly let us know if they eventually did incorporate,
and if the corporation is still in existence can you give
us the present business address.

Clerk.